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NEWS BITES

Jump Rope for Heart Tuesday

The American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Lady Pacer Field House. Any team of six may sign up for the event at 5:30 p.m. that day. For more information, contact Linda Ramsey at 7329.

Bands set for Cafe House

Cafe House will feature the thrash and alternative sounds of Kentucky-based United Steel Workers and Jackson's Mother Crush at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Food Court.

SGA Mock Legislature

Applications for SGA Mock Legislation are available at the SGA office. For more information, contact Frank Stevenson at 7787.

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Tippitt says cruisin' for babes on the Internet isn't as cool as it sounds.
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UTM funds may be cut more than \$400,000 to compensate \$100M state budget shortfall

BRIAN HOLLAND
Executive Editor

UTM has developed a plan to cope with a more than \$400,000 cut in state funding expected for this fiscal year without changing its normal operation. Tennessee higher education may be asked to take a \$15 million cut in state funding to help compensate for the \$100 million shortfall that the new governor and his staff have estimated to be in the current budget,

said Phil Dane, vice chancellor of Business and Finance. UTM's share would be \$429,200. "It will not affect the normal operation of things," Dane said. "I would stress that any faculty searches that are going on are not going to be affected by this. Travel budgets will not be frozen or anything like that, and there will be no hiring freeze, per se." Dane said UTM will compensate for the nearly 1.8 percent cut in funding in the following ways:

- Reducing the reserve by \$126,000.
- The university tries to keep at least 2-3 percent of its total operating budget in a reserve fund for emergencies such as a break down in cooling systems, Dane said.
- Even with the reduction, UTM would still have 2 percent of its budget in reserves, he said.
- A nearly \$50,000 savings in utilities because of the mild winter.
- A \$34,000 cut in scholarships and financial aid matches.

The rest of the funds will be compensated for by not purchasing equipment with left-over funds and by being more conservative about hiring new staff. "For every position that becomes open, we're going to look real hard at leaving it vacant until July 1 (when the new fiscal year begins)," Dane said. State officials are waiting to make sure their numbers are accurate before putting the budget changes into effect, Dane said.

FIRST MEETING



Members of the new Student Activities Council met for the first time Friday to get acquainted and talk entertainment. Officers at the meeting were (clockwise from left) Heather Stigall, SAC executive chair; Justin Harrison, Entertainment co-chair; Eric Jackson, Publicity chair; Kontesa Anderson, Film and Video chair; Kristen Austin, Recreation and Travel chair; and Stephanie Page, Entertainment co-chair. The SAC is accepting applications from students who are interested in serving on the Entertainment, Arts & News & Views, and Recreation and Travel committees. Applications may be picked up at the Campus Rec office.

Young Wall Street millionaire will share secrets

She was working at the American Stock exchange when she was 18 years old. At the age of 20, she became the youngest person to ever get a seat on the exchange. At 22, she earned her first million while working at a Wall Street firm and attending night classes at New York University. Laura Pederson, author and former Wall Street broker, will speak on "Choosing and Pursuing a Successful Career" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Humanities Auditorium.

Pederson's books, "Play Money," "My Brief But Brilliant Career on Wall Street" and "Street Smart Career Guide: Success Through the Back Door," offer a wry and candid look at how Wall Street operates and provide clear and innovative steps for turning work into wealth. The Academic Speakers Program



is designed to enrich the academic program and learning environment of UTM by bringing distinguished scholars, writers and performers to campus to present lectures, seminars and workshops under the sponsorship of various academic units. Pederson is the second academic speaker of the semester. This year's theme for the program is "People of the World Come to UT Martin." All lectures are free and open to the public.

Black History Month events will continue this weekend

SGA will continue to sponsor Black History Month events this weekend with motivational speakers, a historical play and a Nelson Mandela documentary. All students, regardless of race, are encouraged to participate in the upcoming activities, said Cynthia Alexander, SGA secretary of Minority Affairs. "Throughout the duration of history, influential African-Americans have graced us with their encouraging words, sound beliefs and tenacious accomplishments," Alexander said. "In today's society, it's vital that we understand the importance of a positive African-American influence in our lives." Therefore, the events throughout Black History Month will explain the importance of African-American history and will continue to develop positive self esteem, she said. The Minority Incentive Program will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday in the UC Ballroom. Students will need to register for the workshop between 12:45-1 p.m., but no fee is required. William Smart will officially kick off the workshop, lecturing students on the topic "What is Your Purpose in Today's Society?" A minister at the St. Paul's Church in Jackson, he coordinates numerous programs for African-American males. He is also the former president of the NAACP in Jackson, Tenn. See, MONTH, Page 4

Opinion

THE PACER SAYS...

Test-free week would ease final exam stress

It's two weeks before finals. You are stressed to the max because you have two comprehensive Chemistry finals to take, and a 15-page History paper is due.

You are just about to pop, and then your Chem prof finally sends you over the edge when he schedules a test the week before finals.

"But we're going to have a final next week!" you cry.

"Read your syllabus," the prof says.

ISSUE

Grace period before finals week

OUR COMMENT

Good idea for stressed students

Has this happened to you before? Well, if SGA has its way, it will never happen again. SGA's recent proposal to institute a grace period the week before finals will keep professors from giving tests during a week when stress is already at its highest.

The strain students are under mainly comes from schoolwork and their jobs outside the

classroom. The end of the semester is a bad time to increase that stress. Things pile up and students are pulled in a million directions during those final weeks, trying either to prepare for graduation, move to a different dorm or off-campus apartment, change jobs or engage in other life-altering events that deserve their attention.

Many students can balance these pressures, and many have in the past. But some students could do better if they were given a free week to study and prepare for their tests, papers or projects.

Another aspect of this grace period is what some professors refer to as a "dead period." This means that if profs can't give tests, then students shouldn't be given a lot of opportunities to party or attend a lot of university-sponsored functions during the grace period. This may mean anything from makeup-tests to school-wide parties sponsored by any organization that is recognized by the school.

We at The Pacer don't think the administration should make a blanket rule that there can be no partying that week — let the students screw up their own lives by partying when they are supposed to be studying if they want to.

Yet, we do think that if SGA passes this measure it should be accompanied with a decree or statement limiting university functions during the week before finals. If it's going to be a dead week, make it a dead week.

As students, we have to take the good with the bad. This grace period would be a good thing. For those of us who rely on the university for our entertainment outlet, this addition to the grace period proposal may seem repressive.

In the end, though, students would be well-served by the grace period.



YOU SAY...

Reich not right for U.S. economy

Dear Editor,

"Our trade policies would welcome the transfer of basic industries to poorer nations, steering around the grim choice between de-industrialization and protection," wrote U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich in one of his books. Exporting American jobs is one way to wreck American labor.

"Nor are there grounds for reducing public expenditures and cutting taxes in order to give the nation's citizens more money to invest, an argument in vogue among those with an often quasi-religious faith in free markets," is what he wrote in another book. That's one way to wreck American business. It is a clear call for "tax and spend" liberalism.

In a nutshell, what Mrs. Clinton wanted to do to the world's best health care system, is what Secretary Reich wants to do to the world's best free enterprise system.

Tom Gnelwek
Camden

UTM police should stop at crosswalks

Dear Editor,

I am a very concerned about safety at crosswalks here at UTM. It is a shame and an outrage when the UTM police do not stop for you. On the morning of Feb. 10, I was walking to the UTM Children's Center and was crossing Mt. Pelia Road at the crosswalk between the Fine Arts Building and Elam Center. I got half-way across the street when a UTM

police car came flying by and did not even bother to slow down or stop for me. He also did not have the sirens on. The car on the other side of the road had to slam on his brakes to avoid hitting me because I had to stop in the middle of the street and let the police car pass.

If everyone else should have to stop for pedestrians to cross the street, so should the UTM police. They should have to obey the rules just like we do, unless, of course, they have their sirens on. This incident really upset me, and I wonder if he would have stopped if he had hit me.

I would like to offer this bit of advice to all UTM students: be careful when crossing the street at crosswalks because it is bad when the UTM police won't stop for you.

Brandy Braddy
Senior
Human Environmental
Sciences

Take time to enjoy beauty here at UTM

Dear Editor,

I spoke with a good friend over the weekend whom I've not seen in a long time. Our conversation was mostly catching up, but one particular piece stuck out in my mind today. He is now in Chattanooga doing a cop and has lots of free time to relax and reflect. I had the opportunity to do that as well last semester, as I completed an internship in Texas. I wrote poems about nature and love quotes to my girlfriend, now fiancée. We both agreed that there is no time for this while going to school, since classes, work and different organizations take up all or most of our time.

I recently took a walk around the campus when it was covered in snow, just to take a break. As my ears numbed, I remembered our conversation. Reflecting back to the day, the week, the month that I failed to take

time to look around at our campus. I remembered that it is indeed beautiful. So many times we walk to class with our heads looking down, and only see our own two feet. I encourage everyone to take time out to walk and listen to the trees, the crunch of the snow, the dripping of water or to look at the shine of the moon through the leaves.

Lee W. Stevenson
Senior
Park and Recreation

Martin mustangs has a nice ring for new mascot

Dear Editor,

Pacer, as defined by Mr. Webster, is a horse whose predominant gait is the pace. A pacer is the type of horse employed in harness racing.

Years ago, on "The Beverly Hillbillies," Granny ruined a good pacer when she forced it to break its "pace." She didn't care too much for that flimsy buggy either.

That's what. We know what a pacer is. Now, what should be our new mascot?

UTM is a rural university. UTM has a proud agricultural tradition. It would seem reasonable — to this alumnus — to keep the horse as a guideline in choosing a new mascot. I have several ideas, but one keeps coming to mind — the UTM Mustangs. The University of Tennessee at Martin Mustangs — the Martin Mustangs. I'll be danged if that don't have a ring to it.

There are no "wolves" wandering around Martin. If there are any, they are caged. The only thing which comes to mind when I hear "skyhawk" is a small, underpowered car, manufactured by GM.

Go 'Stangs!

Chris Cole
UTM graduate
Camden

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E-mail romance really bytes

February. The Month-o-Love. Valentine's Day was two days ago. Hope you had a peachy time. Now it's past, and I can speak up about something I've done a great deal of thinking about lately. Didn't want to rain on anyone's parade, after all.

This column might piss off some very good friends of mine; I really hope not, but I've got to say this: What's the deal with Internet romance? I guess I always knew, at least intellectually, that the potential was there — pen pals have been getting married for years — but not even the marriage of someone on the staff of UTM made me actually see what was going on. That's where my friends come into the scene.

It seems most of my friends are on the Internet. If people think I'm a Net addict, some of these people make me look like a Sunday driver. Quite a few of my friends use "chat lines" to meet new and (hopefully) interesting people. Even I, myself, am signed on a Matchmaker list, and have met many cool folks.

Jimmy Buffett's last album included a song titled "Everybody's Got a Cousin in Miami." Here at UTM, it seems everyone's got a net pal in Australia. One of my friends recently set out to meet some guys from there, and, in no time at all, she was talking to two new ones — or at least she was this weekend.

You see, relationships on the Net change much more quickly



JASON TIPPITT
Bizarro Files

than in real life. This morning's Net romance might be this afternoon's old flame.

Love is in the air and on the phone lines. There was recently an article in USA

Today about this subject — Queensryche even put a song on its latest album about it. People travel across the country to meet their Net companions. And, as in pen pal romances, the magic sometimes goes away when people meet in person.

If someone can be happy in a Net romance, who am I to criticize? I may begin to worry when people who enter into Net marriages wish to travel across the country to consummate this "blessed event," but I've never been in that situation. I've run away from anything that could have led me to that point.

See, long-distance relationships and I have a past. It is a past full of pain and sorrow... No, scratch that, I take it back — some of the best moments of my romantic life have been with women I inadvertently fell in love with while involved with someone else far, far away. One minute I'm getting off the phone after my long-distance love called me, and the next I'm kissing someone closer.

That's why I could never do it, at least not with someone I hadn't already known in person. If I were to fall for someone, then be

separated from her, then I might be persuaded to try, if I thought there was a chance of things working out. But for me to fall for a stranger, someone who might not even be telling me her real name? I don't think so. I know what I've done in the past, and I'm not about to ask someone to live up to a standard I've invariably fallen short of.

"Love is a drug," to throw in another song reference. Here's another: "Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans." And one more, just to prove my pop literacy: "If you can't be with the one you love, honey, love the one you're with." Do the math; there's a theme there. An alcoholic will drink beer or cheap wine if he can't get whiskey. A lover whose partner is across the country is not going to be walled off from temptation...

Yes, it can work. No, I don't think people are stupid if they see every flash of the cursor as a heartbeat. In fact, I envy their faith and devotion. If you can do it, go for it. For me, I'll be looking toward people closer to home, at least until everyone I feel attracted to has found herself a man over the Net. Even then I might sit it out just to avoid the cold facts of any long-distance romance — even in Bizarro World, a computer monitor can't hug or sit by a fireplace with me or give a neckrub any better than a phone or a postage stamp can.

Tippitt is a senior English major from Camden. Rub his belly for good luck.

There's no such thing as a free lunch. Also, there's no such thing as a typical day for me at UTM. They all start and end pretty much the same — me in bed — but the middle parts are usually different. Be forewarned, I am going to be very explicit, so if you have a weak constitution, flip to News In Brief

on the way up the stairs and went back for a third.
9:17 a.m. — Ask out a girl in my class, get shot down — again.
9:26 a.m. — Go to the Pacer office to drop off my stuff. The office is kind of like my old high school locker — except for the fact that there's no Jane's Addiction stickers on it, it doesn't need a

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO

HMMM...

By W. Matt Meyer



right now.

7:30 a.m. — Finally get up after buzzer on my alarm has jarred the entire first floor of Ellington awake.

7:35 a.m. — Realize my suitemate beat me to the shower. Curse him under my breath as I sit naked on my bed in flip-flops waiting for him to finish. (That was the explicit part.)

7:40 a.m. — Finally get in the shower and wake up. I don't understand people who can get up and just throw some clothes on and make it through classes without showering.

7:47 a.m. — Toughest decision of the day: what socks will I wear?

7:55 a.m. — Waking up, Part 2: The first cup of coffee from the vendor lady at Gooch Hall. I think I am being conditioned Pavlovian-style. Now, whenever I walk into Gooch, just the sight of the vendor lady can wake me up. Coffee is a wonderful drug... uh, I mean thing.

8:01 a.m. — Made it to class. Working on my third cup of coffee already. I sucked the first two down

combination lock and it doesn't smell like my gym shorts. Other than that, it's exactly like my high school locker.

10:15 a.m. — Things I think of when I'm in class: What I'm going to do after this class, girls, what I need to do for The Pacer, girls, my favorite TV show — American Gladiators, girls. Anything but the topic at hand.

11:30 a.m. — Eat lunch. The same thing, everyday. Chicken sandwich with cheddar, tomato, pickles and mayonnaise with straight fries. I've become conditioned now to call fries "straight fries" because of Marriott's wide selection of potato products.

11:50 a.m. — Ask out pretty girl in cafeteria. Guess I'll be alone again this weekend.

12:25 p.m. — Doing Pacer stuff, more than likely.

2:30 p.m. — Continue doing Pacer stuff. I deal with people all day long, so I've probably chewed somebody's head off, argued with an advertiser who said we misspelled a word in his ad and directed traffic as 20 people try to use the five computers in the Pacer office.

5:30 p.m. — Marriott for dinner. Mmmm, turkey again.

6:03 p.m. — In my room for some time to myself, to play guitar or watch the tube. Promptly interrupted by an idiot who wants to borrow my early '80s-rock CD. I should have never told anybody I had it.

7:10 p.m. — Some meeting, function or otherwise important engagement, like Cafe House, RUF or Seinfeld. Ask two different girls out. One has to wash her hair for the next three years, and the other just got back together with her boyfriend. Oh, well.

10:13 p.m. — Pacer stuff again, or maybe some actual studying for once. Yet, it seems whenever I plan to study, Felix just happens to be playing at Dot's and, of course, I feel morally obligated to attend.

Midnight — Tony's — yep, you guessed it — cheesesticks.

12:01 a.m. — Alka-Seltzer.

1:30 a.m. — Finally get to bed after watching old Benny Hill reruns — I need help.

Meyer is a senior Communications major from Jackson. He spent Valentine's Day alone — again.

Campus Quotes

compiled by Jack D. Elliott

What would you think about a grace period before finals?

“IT WOULD GIVE US MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR FINALS.”

Stephanie Lockett, Junior

“I THINK IT WOULD GIVE US MORE TIME TO FOCUS ON FINALS.”

Rodney McKinnie, Freshman

“I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT BECAUSE IT WOULD RESULT IN BETTER FINAL EXAM GRADES.”

Stephen Perry, Sophomore

“IT WOULD LET EVERYONE FOCUS ON FINALS. BESIDES, THE SAME STUFF IS ON BOTH TESTS, SO WHY DO IT TWICE?”

Tracey Poindexter, Senior

“IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I START STUDYING A WEEK OR TWO AHEAD FOR FINALS, SO HAVING ANOTHER TEST THAT WEEK ADDS UNNEEDED STRESS.”

Lisa Thomas, Senior

“IT WOULD BE GOOD BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A TEST ON THE LAST DAY OF CLASS AND THE FIRST DAY OF FINALS, IT'S HARD TO STUDY FOR BOTH.”

Rob Martindale, Freshman



MONTH: Events recognize Black History Month

From the cover...

Following this lecture, students will hear either "How to be an African-American Woman" or "How to be an African-American Man."

Shellia Smith will lecture about the role of African-American women. Both a novelist and poet, Smith is the author of the book "No Shadows in the Dark" and a collection of poetry titled "Poetry — The Art for and From the Heart."

R. Michael Cunningham will focus on the role of African-American men in society. Cunningham is a motivational speaker, actor, model and member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

He has appeared in dramatic presentations such as "What Happened to Black Love," "Who Killed Martin Luther King Jr." and "Young Jesse Jackson." Cunningham was also an extra in the widely-acclaimed movie "The Firm."

After these lectures, students will return to the UC Ballroom to listen to motivational speaker Judge Earnestine Hunt Dorse. Dorse will lecture on the topic "Setting and Keeping Goals."

Dorse was the second African-

American woman judge in Tennessee. She is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges and the Tennessee Bar Association.

Dorse has also served as president of the Board for Memphis Street Law. She is also involved in community oriented affiliations, such as Free the Children and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Dorse has also adopted six children.

Dr. Lovely Thornton, Ph.D., will present the grand finale of the workshop as the main speaker. Thornton will lecture students about "Self-Esteem, Self-Respect and Respectable Dating."

Thornton is an independent consultant who provides workshops and seminars designed to enhance self-esteem and positive relationships. Thornton is the co-founder of Parents Assisting Youth organization in Germany and served as president of the organization for six years.

She is involved with professional organizations such as Phi Delta Kappa, the International Society of Poets, Association for Suspension

and Curriculum Development and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Black History Month events continue with the original play "Black History Then and Now" to be performed by faculty, administration and individuals from the community at 6 p.m. Sunday in the UC Ballroom.

Written by Deborah Boyd, from the office of Business Affairs, the play will reflect historic moments. Characters portrayed in this play will include Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Langston Hughes.

Boyd said she wants to present positive aspects of African-American history.

"I want to show that it is important that neither a black nor white America would be the same today if these people had not made such accomplishments," Boyd said.

The play is free and open to the public.

SGA will also present a Nelson Mandela documentary "One Person, One Vote, One Goal, Freedom," featuring speaker Lance Robertson, at 7 p.m. Monday in Humanities Auditorium.

Robertson is a politician and an international TV producer who captured the triumphs and tribulations of South Africans during the first free election.

The documentary will feature President Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tu Tu, Oliver Tambo, Danny Glover, Jay Nigil, Jesse Jackson and the "free" people of South Africa.

Footage will also include shots of campaigning, debates, voter registration and the actual polling places.

Robertson also interviewed American civil rights leaders, such as Coretta Scott King, Andrew Young, Jesse Jackson and Rosa Parks, as well as President Bill Clinton and former president Jimmy Carter.

Search for new VCAA is down to seven candidates

The search for a new vice chancellor of Academic Affairs is running behind schedule said Dr. Maurice Field, chairman of the Search Advisory Committee.

Chancellor Margaret Perry delivered a narrative summary along with the names of the seven candidates vying for the vice chancellor of the UT system in Knoxville two weeks

ago but Field said more paper work will have to be prepared before the candidates can be approved by UT Systems Vice President Homer Fisher.

Field hopes to have this completed today and in the system's possession by tomorrow. The interviewing process could take place within the next couple of weeks.

Black History Month Events

Saturday	Minority Incentive Workshop — 1-5 p.m., UC Ballroom
Sunday	"Black History Then and Now" — 6 p.m., UC Ballroom
Monday	"One Person, One Vote, One Goal, Freedom," with speaker Lance Robertson — 7 p.m., Humanities Auditorium

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NEWS IN BRIEF...

SGA Mock Legislature — Any campus organization interested in participating in the SGA Mock Legislature, tentatively scheduled for March 27-29, may pick up an application in the SGA office. Applications are due Feb. 28. For more info call SGA Attorney General Frank Stevenson at 7787.

Women in Communications Inc. is forming a chapter at UTM. Students need not be Communications majors or female to join — any student with a commitment to pursue a career in communications is invited to join. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. March 4 in 311 Gooch. For more info contact Teresa Collard, Communications instructor, at 7557.

The Association for Early Childhood Education International (ACEI) will attend a conference in Washington, D.C., April 11-15 advocating children, ages birth - 14-years old. ACEI would welcome any new members who are interested. This is an excellent program for Education majors to become involved in. For more info contact Dr. Merribeth Bruning, the academic adviser for ACEI, at 7214.

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, announces competition for undergraduate (senior year) and graduate school scholarships. Application deadline is Feb. 24. For more info contact Dr. Daniel Pigg in 130F Humanities or call 7284.

Phi Alpha Theta, an honors history group, is accepting students who have completed 12 semester hours in history with at least a 3.01 GPA, have at least a 3.01 GPA in all other classes and are in the upper 35 percent of their respective class. The initiation fee is \$25 and chapter dues are \$50. Initiation will be in April. For more info contact Dr. Lonnie E. Maness in the History Department at 7468.

Upcoming Campus Interviews — Tennessee Department of Audit will interview for an auditor I position Friday. Tennessee State Parks will interview for seasonal naturalists and seasonal recreators on March 1. SteinMart will interview for a management trainee position on March 27. John Hancock Financial Services will interview for a financial sales planner position on March 28. All campus interviews are held in the Employment Information Center. For more info or to schedule an interview, contact the center, in 250 UC.

Voter registration will be held on campus from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on March 7-8 in the UC. This is being conducted by the Weakley County Election Commission.

A Self-Defense for Women Course will be offered. The course will teach basic self-defense/rape intervention techniques. It will be from held 6:30-8 p.m. March 6, 13-15, 17, 20. Course fees are \$45. Deadline for registration is Feb. 27. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

Writing workshop "Gifts From the Shelf," a workshop for writers, would-be writers, teachers of writing and readers, will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., March 4, in the UC. The workshop is sponsored by the Tennessee Writers Alliance and the Division of Continuing Education. For more info call the Department of Public Service a 587-7082.

Campus Magic Tournament — If you would be interested in participating in a campus tournament of Magic, contact Jack Elliott at 587-8491 or leave a message at the front desk of Ellington Hall.

Submissions to News In Brief... must be turned in to 314 Gooch by 9 p.m. Monday.

Student band *Felix* to battle in semifinals in Jackson next week

Laurie Gibson
Staff Writer

Once again, the student rock band *Felix* will be battling it out in the "Battle of the Bands" as it advances to the semifinal round of competition.

After tying for first place in one of the competition's six preliminary rounds held at Tremors in Jackson, the band will compete against six others in the semifinals on Feb. 21-22, also to be held at Tremors. Only the top four will compete in the final round on March 1.

Lead singer Al Frazier said the winners of the preliminary rounds were voted on by the audience, and he believes the same will be true for the semifinals.

"It would be great if everyone would come out and support us — not only to help advance us to the finals, but to show everyone in Jackson that the Martin music scene is rapidly growing," Frazier said.

If *Felix* makes it to the final round, it will have the chance to win numerous prizes. The first-place winner will receive \$1,500, plus 12 hours of stu-

dio time, a guitar or amplifier valued at \$400 and various other prizes. The second-, third- and fourth-place finishers will each receive a cash prize.

"We've been in the 'Battle of the Bands' before, but only placed second in one of the preliminary rounds," Frazier said. "This is the first time the band has made it to the semi-finals."

Frazier said that if they were to go to the finals and win first place, the money would be used to help defray equipment repair costs and travel expenses. The free studio time would be used to make a new demo tape for the band.

Felix has already been on the road four or five times this semester, Frazier said.

"We've got a couple of fraternity parties at other schools lined up this semester and are scheduling performances at Knoxville, Memphis, Jackson, Dyersburg and even at Florida State."

Other band members are Derrick Cozort, drums; Chad Thurmond, bass guitar; and Mitch Elcan, lead guitarist.

Faculty Senate rejects course withdrawal plan

Brian Holland
Executive Editor

UTM's withdrawal policy will remain the same after Faculty Senate voted against a proposal Tuesday that would have eliminated the grades WP and WF.

The original proposal allowed students to drop courses as late as seven weeks into the semester and get a W but was amended to four weeks before being voted down.

Under the current withdrawal/drop policy, students may drop a course during the second through fourth week of classes, receiving a WD (withdrawal).

During the fifth through seventh week, a student who drops a course will receive a WP (withdrawn passing) or a WF (withdrawn failing), based on the instructor's discretion.

The Faculty Senate Instruction Committee drafted the proposal because there is such a difference in impact between a WP and WF, said Dr. Nell Gullett, associate professor of Economics and Finance, who is the committee chair.

"If a student receives a WP, there is no impact except for a WP recorded on transcript," she said. "There is no impact in calculation of GPA, and it does not count as taking the course. A WP has no impact."

A WF, however, has the full im-

act of an F when calculating GPA, she said.

"If (two students) complete a course and receive a 58 average and a 60 average, you've got an F and a D — you're able to recognize the student who's barely made it," she said. "If you're going with the WP and WF, the student with the 60 average receives a WP and a person with the 58 percent is getting a WF, and that's a huge gap."

Some senate members, however, expressed concern that the seven-week grace period would allow less serious students to waste classroom resources when they're just going to drop anyway, prompting an amendment that would change the grace period from seven weeks to four.

"Why should I have to take valuable class time from (good students) in order to put up with dead-wood students who will just drop if they can't make it," said Communications professor Dorothea Norton. "All we're doing is prolonging adolescence; a university should not prolong adolescence."

But some senate members said four weeks would not be adequate time for students to assess what a class will entail.

The current withdrawal policy was adopted in 1972. Prior to that time, new students had two weeks to drop a course and upperclassmen had

three, said Charles Harding, Chemistry professor and vice president of Faculty Senate.

"We found three weeks was just not enough (for students) to find out what they're getting into," he said.

In other Faculty Senate news: Faculty Senate approved a recommendation to prohibit regularly scheduled athletic events during and 24 hours prior to finals week.

The proposal was passed after being amended to change the wording to "regularly scheduled athletic events" instead of just "athletic events" to allow for potential play-off games or other special circumstances.

Troy Henson, dean of the School of Engineering Technology and Engineering, welcomed members of Faculty Senate to attend any of three open houses starting at 2 p.m. next Thursday in the UC to learn more about the school's effort to establish an Engineering degree program.

"We really need everyone to understand how critical this is to our students," Henson said. "We're proposing to terminate everything we're doing now and replace that with a new degree."

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MICHELLE SKELTON
Staff Writer

No one should complain about being bored in Martin on Friday, Feb. 24.

This is the date of the 17th annual UTM All-Niter, featuring hypnotist Tom DeLuca, which is presented by Campus Rec and the Student Activities Council.

The All-Niter will begin at 6:30, in Elam Center. UTM students will be admitted with an ID for \$1. Admission for the general public is \$7. No one will be admitted after midnight.

"There will be something for everyone with more games and prizes being offered," said Stephanie Page, co-chair of the SAC Entertainment Committee.

One of the new games this year is Jello wrestling, Page said. A pit is being built to fill with Jello. Teams of two will wrestle for two 30-second rounds. Those interested should sign

up in Campus Rec. This should be a friendly competition.

"If you plan to participate, you should wear old clothes," Page said. "Towels and showers will be provided afterwards."

Other games include Sumo Bellies. Participants wear huge, padded suits and wrestle with one another.

For the Bungee Run, the participant is tied to a bungee cord, pulls back as far as possible and is snapped forward like a rubber band.

The Velcro Wall offers the participant the chance to wear a velcro suit and to stick against the wall.

Another game is the Bouncing Box, in which participants wear huge, padded boxing gloves and box in a padded ring.

And for someone who has always dreamed about dancing and singing on stage, Fun Flicks will give individuals the opportunity to make their own personal videos.

In addition, there will be other novelty games and carnival rides.

In Chariot Races, a team member will be carried on a sheet by other team members.

Other team games include Scooter Basketball, Blindfold Volleyball and a Ping Pong Tournament.

Page said she encourages people to come in groups to participate in team games.

There will be entertainment on stage throughout the night. Some of these include Cafe House performances, an Aerobic Club demo, country line dancing, a Best Legs Contest and a performance by the Black Student Association's choir, Highest Praises.

The Tom DeLuca show begins at 12:30 and will feature comedy, magic and hypnotism.

After the show there will be a balloon drop, with prizes inside the balloons, and a pizza eating contest.

Prizes will be given away throughout the night. The ticket received at the entrance will be a qualifier for the grand drawing at 2:30 a.m.



HANGING IN THERE — A UTM student defies the physical properties of gravity while hanging out on the velcro wall during last year's All-Niter.

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Series of clues will lead to passes, prizes for the All-Niter

Members of the All-Niter committee are offering a chance for UTM students to track down free prizes for the All-Niter.

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After Class

ΑΓΔ presents Mr. Greek; ΖΦΒΣ plans award ceremony for outstanding students

Panhellenic Celebrity Night

The Panhellenic Council is planning a UTM Celebrity Night 5-8:30 p.m. Monday at Shoney's. They will wait on customers as a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity.

Jones-Guarian at 587-9702 or Stephanie Lockett at 587-8281.

Nominations should be turned in by Feb. 17 to a member of ΖΦΒ or ΦΒΣ.

ΑΓΔ Tribute

The ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta will salute the hard-working man in their 6th annual Mr. Greek pageant at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the UC Ballroom.

Three young men will represent each fraternity. A Mr. Greek trophy and prizes donated by the local Martin businesses will be awarded to the winner.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any ΑΓΔ or at the UC Information Desk for \$3, or at the door for \$4. All proceeds will be donated to Juvenile Diabetes.

Prizes will also be awarded to the fraternity or sorority with the most members present.

ΔΣΘ Anniversary

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Eta Xi chapter at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the UC

Ballroom.

The Eta Xi chapter and Dyersburg Tennessee Alumnae Chapter also sponsored a "Global Pandemic of HIV/AIDS Seminar" Feb. 11 at Dyersburg State Community College. Jackie Walton Sadler, a health education specialist from Washington, D.C., lectured college and senior high students about the reality of AIDS.

ΑΦΑ Winter Weekend '95

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha will host their Winter Weekend, "3 Degrees Below the Burning Sands" on March 2-4.

ΑΦΑ will honor African-American women at their program "Black Women — Our Eternal Light," on March 2.

ΑΦΑ will hold their annual Black and Gold Ball, "The Artistic Overture," on March 3.

Finally, ΑΦΑ will host the Pajama Jam 4 on March 4.

If you have any information you would like printed in Greek Life please submit it to 314 Gooch, or call 7780, by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

SHOWING TALENT



Tonya Dotson performs at A Tribute to Culture talent show Monday in the UC Ballroom.

Photo by Lisa Berry

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Nijima Junior College sends 102 students to UTM

More than 100 Japanese students from the Nijima Gakuen Women's Junior College will be learning about cooking, crafts and Southern history as part of their three-week visit to UTM, which began with their arrival Tuesday.

The students, all English majors, will take 26 hours of English classes and 10 hours of elective classes in cooking, crafts, drama and Southern history.

They will also attend special classes in basketball, culminating in a tournament; visit churches; make a trip to Middle Tennessee and have home stays with area families.

Nijima Gakuen Junior College is located in Takasaki, Japan, a city of 350,000 people about an hour north of Tokyo. The school opened in 1983 and has been sending students to UTM every year since.

In the first year of the program, 20 students came to UTM. This year,

102 students and five group leaders are coming, which is the most ever.

The relationship between UTM and the junior college came about when one of the college's founders, Takao Ota, asked Dr. John Eisterhold, dean of International Programs, to help develop an international component, including teacher/student exchanges and joint research projects.

"We share a common dream," Eisterhold said. "We want to promote friendship and real international understanding. They'll see what American people are really like. They will be more broad-minded and sophisticated."

While there may be an economic rivalry between Japan and America, Eisterhold said, on the human level, both peoples have the same dreams and aspirations, but probably express those ideas differently.

"It helps the students be more competitive in the work place in Japan,"

Eisterhold said. "All of them know quite a bit of English, but they reluctantly speak it."

"We try to create situations where they have to use English, but that's not the bottom line."

Students will divide into classes of 12-13 for intensive English lessons that make up the 26 hours they'll take while at UTM.

"This will get them ready for home stays and trips to New York, San Francisco and Orlando before they have to return to Japan. We want them to see Tennessee culture, as well," Eisterhold said.

To experience Southern culture, the students will take classes in Tennessee folk crafts and history. They'll

visit antique shops and make a trip to Fort Donelson in Nashville.

"They'll visit homes and mansions to explain how Southerners live," Eisterhold said.

Home stays are one of the high points for the students, Eisterhold said. They'll spend the weekend of Feb. 25 with families in Martin and the surrounding area.

As a part of the Big Sister program, 102 UTM co-eds have volunteered to spend time with the Nijima students. They'll go to basketball games together and go to classes with them.

"It's interesting to see the friendships formed in a short three weeks despite the language barrier," Eisterhold said.

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Lady Pacers defeat defending OVC champ Tennessee State

Win snaps four-game losing streak

ANDRE' JOHNSON
Sports Editor

The UTM Lady Pacers defeated defending OVC champion Tennessee State, 81-78, last Wednesday night at Elam Center.

Tara Tansil, UTM's leading scorer, sparked the Lady Pacers with 21 points and four rebounds and played the entire game, as UTM snapped a four-game losing streak and captured its third OVC victory of the season.

Sevelte Gilbert, who is averaging 4.4 ppg, was a big factor in the win, as she came off the bench to score a season-high 15 points in 16 minutes of play.

Both teams looked impressive on offense and shot 43 percent from the field in the first half.

Junior forward Beth Beaty added eight points as UTM got 40 points from its bench.

The Lady Pacers converted 2-of-8 three pointers, while TSU (15-5, 8-4) went 0-for-3 from three-point range, as UTM led, 43-37, at half-time.

The second half was controlled by TSU early as the Lady Tigers came out firing, scoring the first four points of the half.

But free throws became a factor for the Lady Tigers as they made 9-of-15 attempts and shot 64 percent from the charity stripe in the second half. TSU was led by Connie Swift and Carolyn Aldridge, who each had 18 points.

UTM kept its momentum with the help of freshman guard Christy Hicks, who is becoming an effective player in head coach Sharman

Coley's lineup.

Hicks led UTM in rebounding as she grabbed a career-high seven rebounds for the game.

TSU kept its poise and hung around late, but UTM, behind late free throws, held on to grab the victory.

The Lady Pacers converted 21-of-29 free throws and shot 72 percent for the game.

Latessa Hickerson scored 12 points for Tennessee State, and Stejana Holder scored 10, as four Lady Tigers scored in double figures.

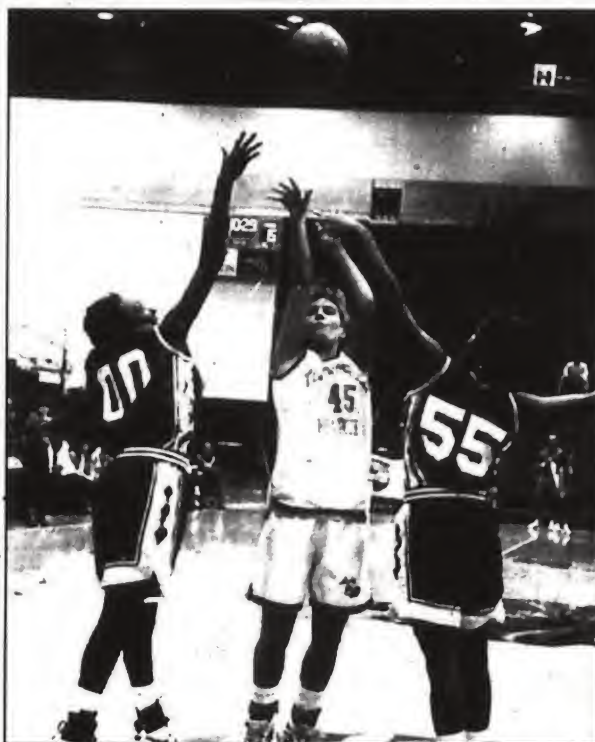
Chanda Cordova scored 12 points for UTM.

In other UTM women's basketball action:

Oral Roberts 79, Lady Pacers 68

The Oral Roberts Lady Golden Eagles, who were beaten by UTM earlier this season, returned the favor, winning 79-68 last Saturday night at Tulsa.

Because of an illness, Chanda Cordova, UTM's second-leading scorer, did not dress out for this contest as ORU reached the .500 mark



IN YOUR FACE!— UTM's Beth Beaty takes a shot over Tennessee State's Connie Swift (55) and Tequila Holloway (00) in the Lady Pacer's 81-78 victory last Wednesday night at Elam Center.

University Relations

Tennessee State comes from behind in second half to defeat Pacers

ANDRE' JOHNSON
Sports Editor

UTM, which led Tennessee State throughout much of the first half, saw the defending OVC champions rally back from a three-point half time deficit to win, 87-74, last Wednesday night at Elam Center.

UTM dropped to 4-18 on the season and 2-9 in OVC play, and will host Austin Peay State in a rematch tonight at Elam Center. Tipoff is set for 7:30.

The contest featured both clubs shooting relentlessly from the field as UTM gained an edge in the first half, shooting 50 percent from the field on 14-of-28 attempts.

The Pacers were also hot behind the three-point line, connecting for an impressive 6-of-11 attempts for 54 percent.

UTM maintained its lead over Tennessee State much of the first half behind Michael Hart, the team's leading scorer, who was unstoppable early on in the paint. Hart, along with DeMarko Wright and DeWayne "Pooh" Powell, finished the contest with 19 points each as the Pacers led by as many as eight points in the first half.

TSU hung in the game behind

good defense and a great shooting performance from forward Calvin Morris, who led the Tigers in scoring with a team-high 19 points.

But the Pacers, who shot a hot 90 percent from the free throw line on 9-of-10 attempts in the first half, led TSU, 43-40, at the break.

In the second half UTM shot just 30 percent from the field. TSU capitalized, despite shooting just 48 percent from the field, and regained the lead midway through the second half.

TSU converted 5-of-16 three-pointers in the second half behind guard Tim Horton, who scored 17 points.

Forward Damon Page also came through for coach Frankie Allen's club with 15.

Center B. J. Nelson was the only player off the UTM bench to score, as he contributed six points.

Each of UTM's five starters scored, but only three captured double figures.

UTM's 8-of-10 free throws in the second half wasn't enough to overcome Tennessee State's hot shooting.

Five TSU players scored in doubled figures for the conference-leading Tigers.

Womens' track team wins again at MTSU

ANDRE' JOHNSON
Sports Editor

The young and talented UTM women's track and field team continued to perform well indoors as two freshman stars set records in the Middle Tennessee State Double Dual last Saturday evening at Murfreesboro.

Freshmen Dorothy Denko of Knoxville and LaVica Covington of Memphis each set records and placed an impressive sixth place in the final.

Denko, a native of Poland, set a record in the 3,000-meter run with a mark of 10:48 at MTSU.

Covington, a former Memphis East High star, set a record in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.90 seconds at MTSU.

Former Texas Tech coach Brenda Webb, who is in her second season as the UTM women's track coach, said she was thrilled with her team's performance following Saturday's events.

"This was really a good meet for us because some of our women made it into the finals," Webb said. "We haven't had the recruiting year that some other schools have had, but we are doing well for a young team."

Former Rice University All-American Yvette Haynes also per-

formed well. Haynes, who is the assistant coach, as well as a member of the women's track squad, won the triple jump event as she finished with a mark of 39-9. Haynes is a native of St. Vincent in the Virgin Islands, and was selected to represent her country in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

"Yvette (Haynes) is doing an outstanding job with the women, and she is really working hard in preparing the team for their meets," Webb said.

Other Lady Pacers who contributed to UTM's impressive performance were Kiva Taylor and Roshanda Johnson.

Taylor, a former Memphis Hamilton standout, finished fifth in

the indoor triple jump. Johnson, a Memphis East product, placed seventh in the triple jump.

Freshman LaQuesha Brown, who has set two school records this season, suffered a cramp in the 55-meter run just before she reached the finish line.

Brown was in running in second place in the event at the time of her injury.

Webb said she expects Brown's best performances to come during the outdoor season.

The Lady Pacer track team will try to set more records as it travels to Carbondale, Ill., to take part in the Southern Illinois Invitational Saturday afternoon.

UTM HOOP SPOTLIGHTS

	Men's	Women's
Records:	4-18, 2-9 (OVC)	8-13, 3-8 (OVC)
Last Game:	87-64 vs. TSU (L)	79-68 vs. ORU (L)
Next Game:	Feb. 16 vs. APSU	Feb. 16 vs. APSU
Leading Scorers:	M. Hart, 20.3 ppg.	T. Tansil, 16 ppg.
Pacers of The Week:	D. Wright	S. Gilbert

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Wallyball sign-up Feb 23

Because Campus Recreation Sports cares what you think (right) Wallyball is back. If you enjoy a fast pace volleyball game, then you'll love wallyball. Wallyball is a modified game of volleyball played in the racquetball court. You can slam, you can dig and you can use the walls! Come by and sign up for another exciting sport offered by Campus Recreation Sports. Get your team ready for the February 27th date. Captain's Meeting will be held in the Student Lounge at 5:00pm on February 23th and the sign up deadline is set for the same day.

Table Tennis planned in March

Start practicing table tennis enthusiast because the table tennis date is set for March 2nd in the Elam Center. For those who are interested please contact Steve Caldwell in the Campus Recreation Office at 587-7746.

Volleyball Club

Wednesday, February 22nd, 5:00pm there will be a Volleyball Club Meeting in the Student Lounge at the Elam Center. All Volleyball enthusiast come and check out what this club has to offer you. For additional information, contact Brian Brown at 7793.

Racquetball Club

Wednesday, February 22nd, 5:30pm there will be a Racquetball Club Meeting in the Student Lounge at the Elam Center. All racquetball enthusiast come and check out what this club has to offer you. For additional information, contact Brian Brown at 7793.

Roller Hockey Club

If you're interested in Roller Hockey then you need to check out this sport club which meets Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Main Arena of the Elam Center from 8:00-10:00pm.

Aerobics and HydroRobics Club

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